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In re Application of:

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MOLDOVYAN et al.

Attorney Docket: P65855US0

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Group Art Unit: 2132

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Examiner: Benjamin E. LANIER

For: METHOD FOR THE BLOCK-ENCRYPTION OF DISCRETE DATA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 9, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed February 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.